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INVENTORS: SHIEH ET AL.

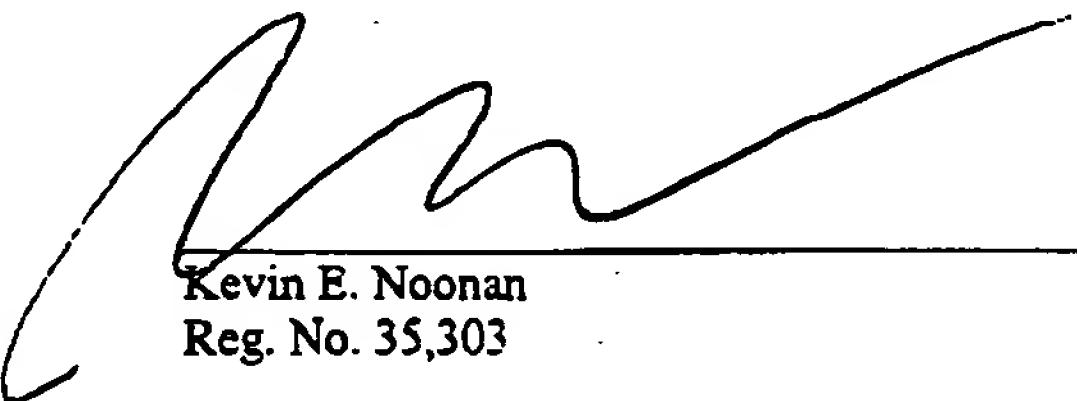
OUR CASE NO. 99.723

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In application of:)
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For: Bichannel Assay for Hybridization)
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Before the Examiner:
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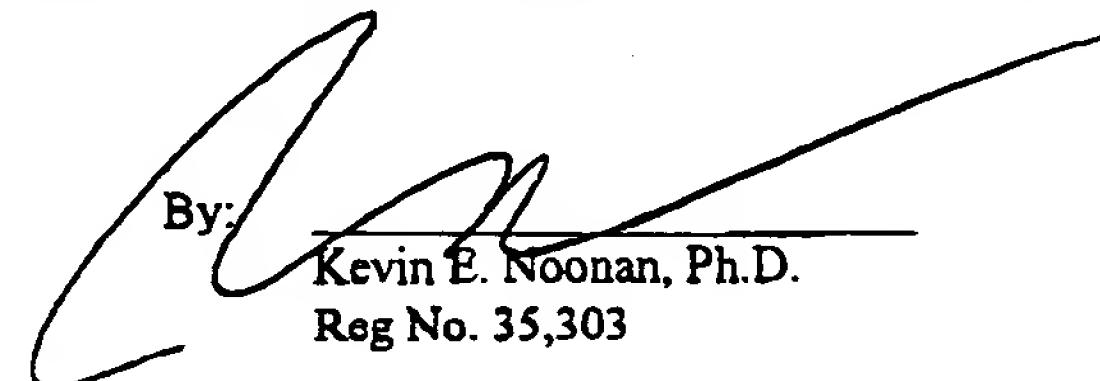
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Restriction Requirement
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 - a. No additional fee is required.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed April 17, 2000, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-15, designated as Group I by the Examiner, with traverse. The basis for Applicants traversal is that it would place no undue burden on the Examiner to examine claims to methods of using the claimed apparatus at the same time claims to the apparatus itself were examined.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

Date: May 17, 2000

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